PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT



| MEETING DATE: April 19, 2006 ITEM No | GOAL: Coordinate Planning to Balance Infrastructure |
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SUBJECT

Scottsdale Foothills Condominiums - 6-AB-2006

REQUEST

Request to consider the following:

- 1. Abandon 66-foot GLO easement at the approximate location of the N. 92nd Place alignment.
- 2. Abandon 66-foot GLO easement at the approximate location of the N. 93nd Street alignment.
- 3. Abandon west 33-foot GLO easement at the approximate location of the N. 93nd Place alignment.
- 4. Abandon the north 33-foot GLO easement at the approximate location of the E. Friess Drive alignment.
- 5. Abandon the South 33-foot GLO easement of the E. Redbird Drive alignment.
- 6. Abandon the East 33-foot GLO easement of the N. 92nd Street alignment.

Related Policies, References:

123-DR-1987, 49-ZN-1984, 55-ZN-1984

OWNER

Scottsdale Foothills 480-391-0669

APPLICANT CONTACT

Todd Kimling

Solaris Enterprises Inc

480-252-7526

LOCATION

9259 E. Raintree Drive

BACKGROUND

Background.

The subject GLO easements were established in 1957. The GLO easements exist on each side of the three parcels. The subject parcels were rezoned to R-5 in 1984, subsequently the development was approved by the Development Review Board in August 1987. When the development was approved, the City did not require the abandonment of the GLO easements. In December of 2005, the applicant submitted an application to convert the existing apartment complex into a condominium. City staff discovered that the GLO easements were not abandoned and required the applicant to apply for an abandonment of the easements before the condominium plat can be approved.

General Land Office Patent Easements (general information).

• Within the City of Scottsdale there are General Land Office (GLO) lots or parcels of various sizes created by the Federal Small Tract Act. This act was passed in 1938 and repealed in 1976.



- Most GLO lots were patented with 33 feet (or sometimes 50 feet) roadway and public utility easements typically "as near as practicable to the exterior boundaries".
- The city has viewed these patent roadway and utility easements as assured access at least until a local circulation plan is established.
- As GLO lots come in for development (i.e. lot splits, subdivisions or requesting building permits) staff requires city right-of-way dedications per our circulation plans. The city's transportation plan establishes a street system to replace the grid pattern created by the GLO easements.
- Any patent easements in excess of the current requirements of the circulation plans (including trails), roadway standards, and not required to insure access to any other lot, may be requested to be abandoned.
- In 1981, City Ordinance 1386 was adopted delegating the authority for the release of GLO easements to the Engineering Services Director.
- On March 2, 1999, the City Council repealed Ordinance 1386 and adopted Ordinance 3219 which requires the abandonment of the GLO patent roadway easements to go through the same public hearing process currently used for all right-of-ways, alleys, and roadway easements. The City Attorney's office has concluded that this process for consideration of GLO roadway abandonment satisfies legal requirements.
- On August 12, 2005, Arizona Revised Statute section 9-500.4 became effective. This section gives the local municipality the right to abandon their interest in GLO patent easements, and concurs with the city's position on abandonment of GLO patent easements.

The subject GLO roadway easements were reserved on the original patent deed to assure legal access. Currently the GLO easements exist across the land of an improved multi-family development.

Zoning.

The site is zoned R-5, a Multiple-Family Residential Zoning District that allows high density attached residential developments.

Context

The lots that have the easements contain a multi-family residential apartment complex approved in 1987. The development fronts onto E. Raintree Drive to the North, and N. 92nd Street to the West.

Adjacent Uses and Zoning:

| • | North | Existing office complex zoned C-O |
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| | | (Commercial Office). |
| • | South | Existing multi-family apartment complex |
| | | zoned R-5 (Multiple-Family Residential). |
| • | East | Existing multi-family apartment complex |
| | | zoned R-5 (Multiple-Family Residential). |
| • | West | Existing multi-family residential townhouse |
| | | development zoned R-4 (Townhouse |
| | | Residential District). |

There are six approved GLO abandonment cases located between the Loop 101 Freeway to N. 96th Street and from Thunderbird Road north to Hillery Way.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL

Goal/Purpose of Request.

This request is to abandon all GLO easements in their entirety located on lots 21, 22, and 23.

Key Issues.

CITY IMPACT:

 Maintains consistency with city street standards as approved by the City of Scottsdale's Transportation Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT:

• The surrounding properties all have existing access. Walls, structures and buildings historically exist within, and around the GLO easements in this area.

PROPERTY OWNER IMPACT:

 Allows the existing buildings to remain in place without encroachment into the existing GLO easements.

There are three parcels included in this abandonment application. All three of the parcels have structures that encroach within the existing GLO easements.

IMPACT ANALYSIS

Departmental Responses.

City Department/Division participants concur with this abandonment request. See Department Issues Checklist (Attachment #1).

The City has obtained the necessary public right-of-way for the adjacent streets 45 feet along N. 92nd Street and 55 feet along E. Raintree Drive. The existing GLO easements are not needed for the City's street system or to provide access to adjacent parcels.

Community Involvement.

The City installed signage at the roadway alignments alerting neighbors in the area of the request. Surrounding property owners within 750-feet have been notified by the applicant through first class mailing. At the time of writing this report, city staff has receive one citizen comment. Please see Attachment 9.

STAFF

Recommended Approach:

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

RESPONSIBLE DEPT(S)

Planning and Development Services Department

STAFF CONTACT(S)

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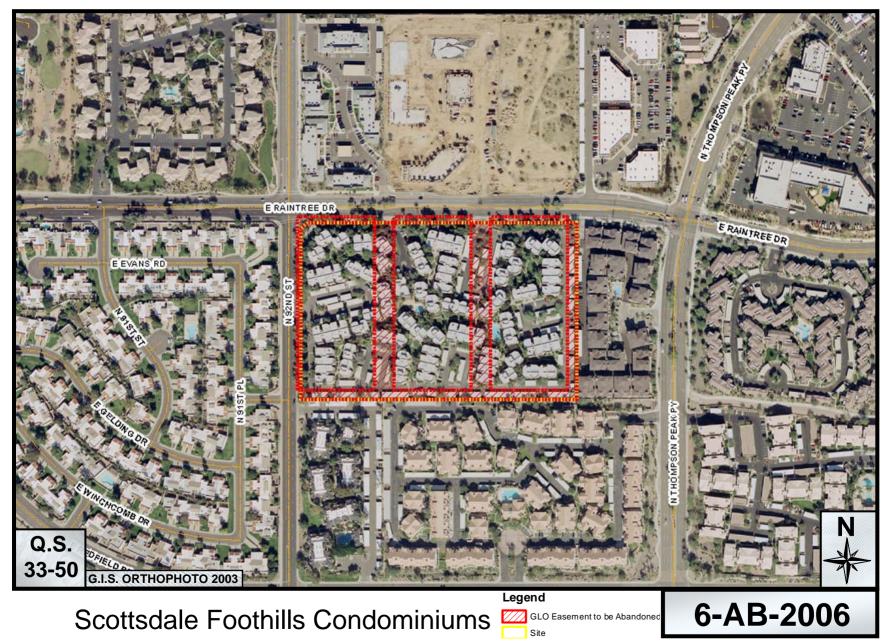
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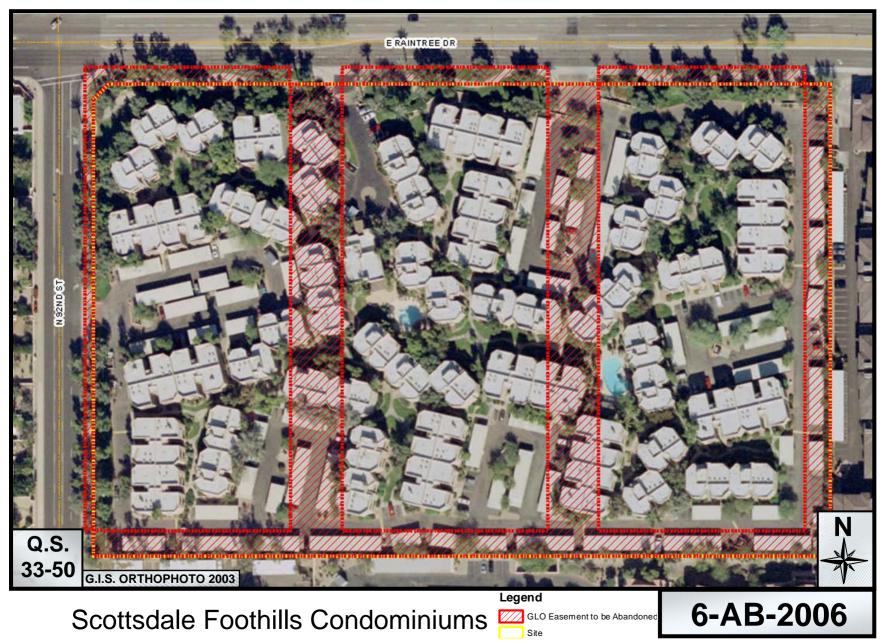
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- 2. Context Aerial
- 3. Detail Aerial
- 4. Zoning Map
- 5. Right-of-Way and Easements
- 6. Regional Trails Plan
- 7. Alta Survey
- 8. City Notification Map
- 9. Citizen Inquiry

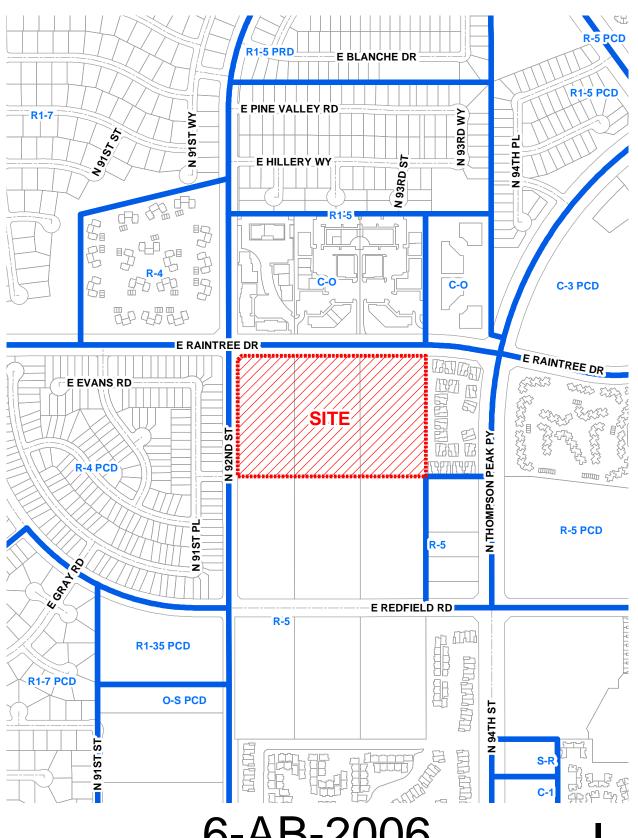
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Department Issues Checklist

| <u>Transportation</u> |
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| Support The City has obtained the necessary public right-of-way for the adjacent streets – 45 feet along 92 nd Street and 55 feet along Raintree Drive. The existing GLO easements are not needed for the City's street system or to provide access to adjacent parcels. |
| <u>Trails</u> Support |
| Adjacent Property Owner Notification Support |
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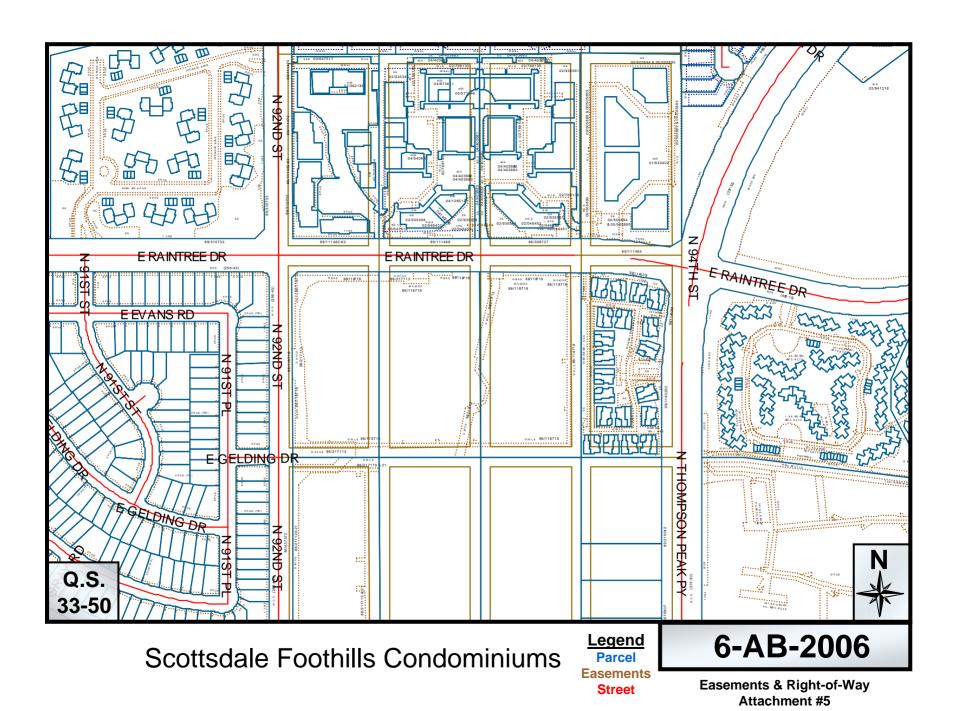




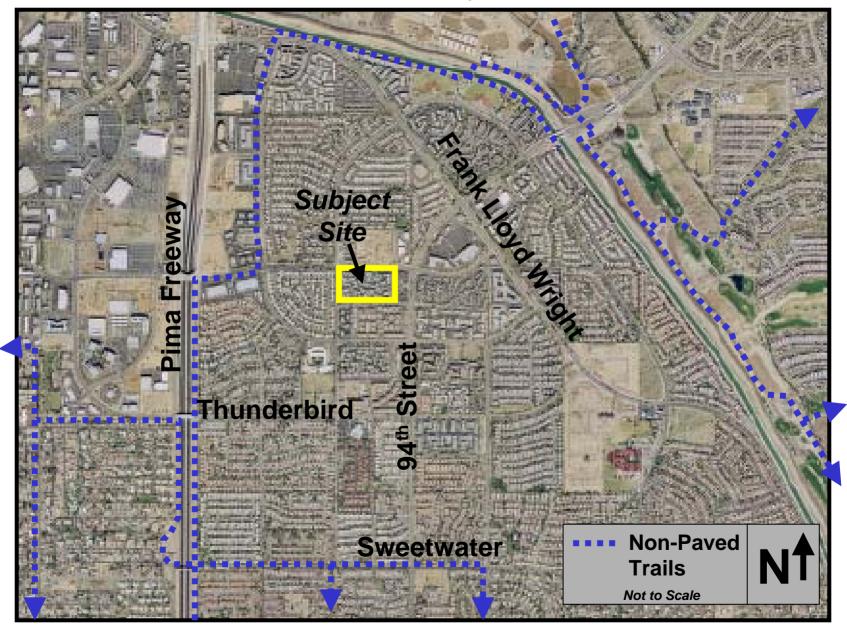


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ATTACHMENT #4



Non-Paved Trails in Vicinity of Case 6-AB-2006



LOTS 21, 22 AND 23, LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANCE 5 EAST, OF THE GILA AND SALT RIVER BASE AND MERIDIAN, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA





TITLE COMPANY NOTE

THIS SURVEY WAS MADE WITH REFERENCE TO THE POLICY OF TITLE INSURANCE, POLICY/FIE NO. 01427397, EFFECTIVE DATE MAY 25, 2005.

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AGREEMENT ACCORDING TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED

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RECORDED SEPTEMBER 16, DOCUMENT NO. 2002-0944745 (NON-PLOTTABLE, BLANKET OVER LOT 21, 22, 23)

SURVEY INDEX

SHET 1 - COMER PAGE
SHEET 2 - ON SIX PROCRAPHY, TOPO MORES, BUILDING DETAILS (TYPICAL), AND LEGEND
SHET 3 - BOUNDARY GREAKDOWN, BUILDING THES TO PROPERTY LINES, SOMEDULE 'B'
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ZONING INFORMATION

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FLOOD ZONE DESIGNATION PROVIDED BY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. ATTACHMENT #7

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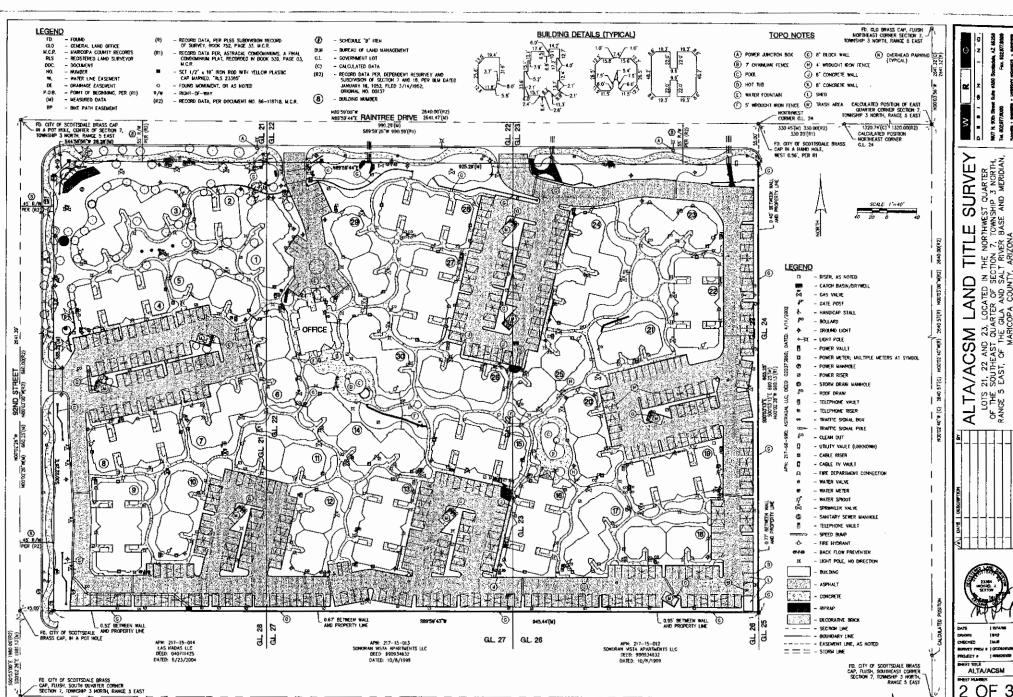
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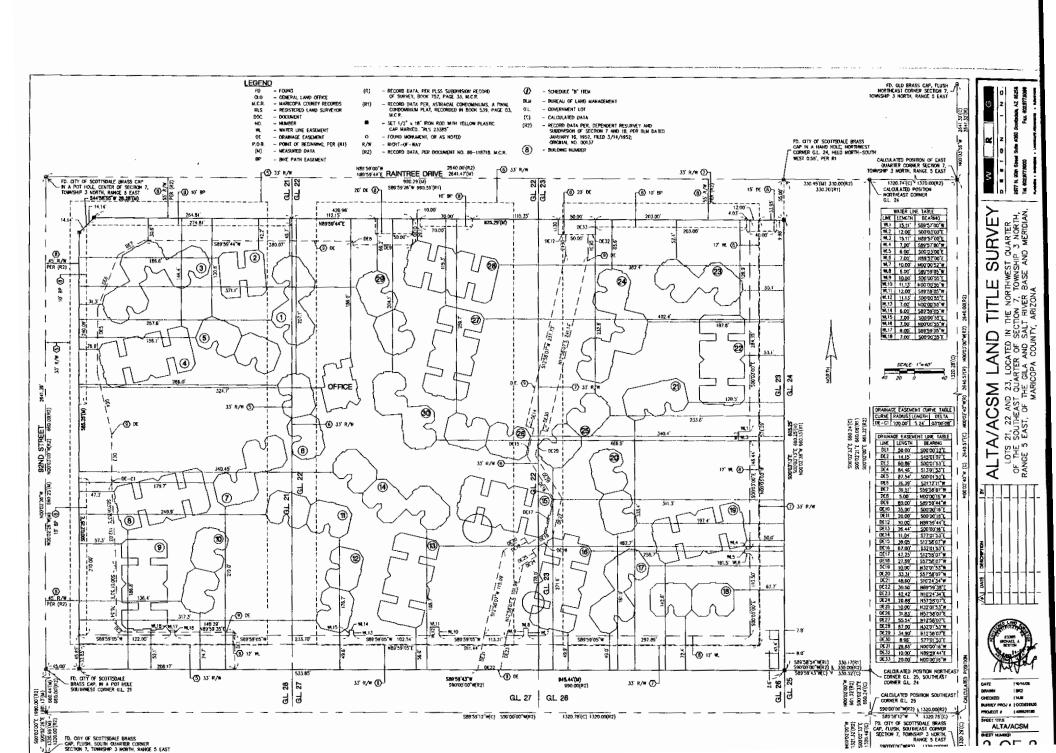


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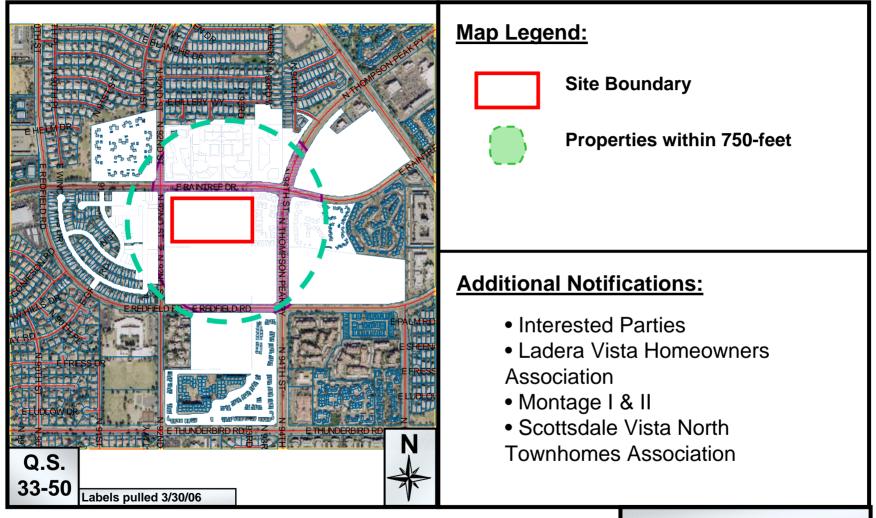
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City Notifications – Mailing List Selection Map



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ATTACHMENT #8

McClay, Doris

From: leon spiro [leonspiro@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, April 09, 2006 10:31 PM

To: McClay, Doris

Cc: redbirdranch@earthlink.net

Subject: 6-AB-2006

Doris McClay, Planning Commission; Miss McClay: Would you please see that all Commissioners are given a copy of this E Mail. Please see, too, that this E Mail correspondence is placed into the Planning Commission Minutes for this Agenda Item. Thank you. L. Spiro. Commissioners: I would like to call your attention to Planning Commission Item# 6-AB-2006, 19 April 2006, Agenda GLO Roadway and Public Utilities Abandonment Request. Please be advised that the City Staff has already" permitted construction" of an Apartment Complex which was built a few years ago at this site. Don't you think that this fact should be addressed and mentioned before approval, for all to know, even though the mayor, not the Legal Section, has ordered the Commissioners, not to concern themselves with the "legal issue" that is most certainly present with this Agenda Item? As Councilman- Elect Tony Nelssen has repeatedly stated when he was a member of the Planning Commission, that there should be a "disclaimer" to all GLO Roadway Abandonment Approvals. Is this not the proper time to question why this "protection clause" is not inserted into all "approved GLO roadway abandonment resolutions" for the City of Scottsdale? But this approval request will be a little more complicated considering the circumstances of this abuse, by those involved. Leon Spiro, A Concerned Citizen of Scottsdale and a GLO Property Homeowner. PS:" He who steals my purse steals trash, but he who steals my good name steals all my worldly treasures". I think this is pretty close to the quote. LS

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ATTACHMENT #9